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Dear Mr. Beasley:

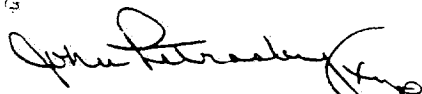
The Delta-Menominee District Health Department strongly supports the goals and objectives of the ASSIST Project to dramatically accelerate the reduction of tobacco use through intensive efforts.

We recognize that smoking is the number one preventable health problem in the world today and, as prevention is the goal of public health agencies, Delta-Menominee is committed to participating in the U.P. Coordinating Coalition and initiating anti-tobacco coalitions in the district's communities. In order to prove its commitment to a non-smoking, tobacco-less society, no smoking has been allowed in either office of the district for some time.

The Delta-Menominee District Health Department has endorsed efforts at community health education by participation in such programs as the Upper Peninsula-wide "Health Is In Your Hands...Take the First Step" walking program on September 28, 1989. Participation in the district was 25% of the population in Delta County and 16% of the population in Menominee County, one of the largest turn-outs in the Upper Peninsula. We have supported the U.P. Regional Technical Assistance Center in developing the Worksite Wellness Program through M.D.P.H.'s Michigan Health Initiative from its inception and takes an active role on the Advisory Board.

We look forward to working closely on the ASSIST program with M.D.P.H.'s Cancer and Tobacco Unit of the Center for Health Promotion to ensure the success of this worthwhile endeavor.

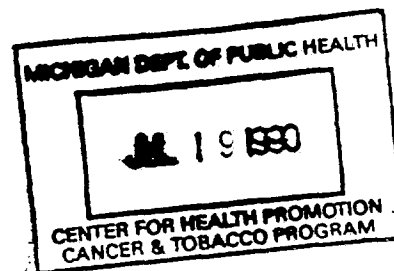
Sincerely,



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